

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. The Soviet Military Mission in Czechoslovakia is under the foreign bureau of the Soviet Ministry of Armed Forces<sup>1</sup> in Moscow. The head of the Czechoslovak Bureau is Col. D. F. Gilkin. This bureau directs and controls the work of the mission, which has its seat in Moscow and is presided over by Gen. A. F. Vasilov, with Gen. A. S. Gunderov as political counselor. The heads of the Soviet mission do not have contact with the Czech military attache at Moscow, Major Emil Franek,<sup>2</sup> but correspond directly with the Soviet mission at Prague.
2. The Soviet Military Mission in Czechoslovakia, headed by Gen. A. V. Svetlev, is composed of 200 officers, ranking from captain to colonel. There are Soviet officers in all the departments of national defense at Dejvice, Prague and Bratislava. Moreover, the mission frequently sends out special inspection groups to the principal Czechoslovak garrisons. As a usual thing, these missions do not spend more than three months with any one garrison.
3. The Soviet Military Mission concerns itself solely with technical matters; political matters are handled by the Soviet military attache at Prague, Gen. Nikolai Ivanovich Gusev, who has 26 Soviet officers under him, ranking from captain to colonel. Secret service matters in Czechoslovakia are handled by special agents of the MVD (sic).
4. Since the resignation of Gen. Klen (fnu), the II. Bureau (military intelligence) has been managed by Soviet personnel who are in direct contact with Moscow and do not belong to the military mission.
5. Aside from official occasions, the officers belonging to the military mission do not wear uniforms and do not associate socially with Czechoslovak officers. Members of the mission only stay one year in Czechoslovakia, on the average.

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Czechoslovak officers in contact with members of the military mission are obliged to speak Russian with them, and all correspondence between the Czech General Staff or the Ministry of National Defense on the one hand and the Soviet Military Mission on the other must be in Russian, which has become obligatory in military operations.

6. The Czech General Staff and the Soviet Military Mission scarcely work with each other at all. The Soviets ordinarily do not inform the Czechs of their intentions, but reproach them vigorously if something does not please them.

1.  Comment. This ministry was split up into the Ministry of War and the Ministry of Navy. These two were subsequently reunited as the Ministry of Defense.

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2.  Comment. Major Franek's address in Moscow is Yerolayevskiy Lane 28.

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